

LETTER

From an Eminent Merchant in
CONSTANTINOPLE,

To a FRIEND in
LONDON:

Giving an exact Relation of the Great and Glorious Caval-
 cade of *Sultan Mahomet* the fourth, present Emperour of
 the *Turks*, as he Marched out of *Constantinople*, for the
 Invasion of Christendome, and the Siege of *VIENNA*.

Entred according to ORDER

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Eleven Days past, the Grand Signiour made his publick Alloy (or
Exie) out of this City, accompanied by the Grand Vizier, and
 the Officers of the Empire, as also Prince *Mahomet* his eldest Son,
 a Youth of about Eighteen years old, and the first that any
 Emperour ever suffered to shew himself to the people. In this
 Sight was expos'd to view the greatest Riches of the Empire, consisting in Jew-
 els of inestimable value, Horses, Clothes and Furniture, the Magnificence
 whereof is not to be expressed in Writing, unless it was possible to shew you
 Horses Furniture cover'd over with Diamonds, Rubies and Emeralds; and the
 Horses themselves more remarkable than their Furniture. They proceeded
 in order: First; A Body of Horsemen Armed Cap-a-pe with their Bows,
 Quivers, Swords and Launces; Next the Bashaws, each with his retinue
 of led Horses, handsome Pages with Coats of Mail richly drest; And next,
 all the Caddees, or Justices, with Turbants at least a Yard Diameter, with their
 Attendants; After them proceeded the Chiauses of the Viziers who bring
 people to Justice before him, with prodigious long Turbants, but not so big
 as the Caddees, and with them their followers; To them succeeded the Emirs,
 or Kindred of *Mahomet*, all with Green Heads to distinguish them: Next
 came the Viziers Chia (Nor Secretary) with a vast and rich retinue of led
 Horses, Pages and Aga's; Next came the Great Treasurer, or Desterdar, with
 a greater Attendants of like nature; Then appeared a great number of
 Horses richly Trapped, and led by very fine Pages, and followed by many
 persons of Quality, Attendants on the Two, which immediately succeeded on
 most

Grand Seign-
ours Son.

most stately Horses, with rich Furniture, being the *Mosaip*, or Favourite, (who Married the Grand Signiours Daughter,) and *Kara Kiab* the greatest Officer in the Empire next the Vizier, called *Chimacham*, who were attended by a vast number of Pages, on Foot and Horseback: Then past the two *Cadalefches* or Lord Chief Justices, then the Viziers Guard covered over with the Skins of Lyons, Bears, Tygers and Leopards, every one differently habited; Next came the Six Horle-Tails, carried before the Vizier by Eighteen Men, on Poles of Ten yards long; Then Fifty of the Viziers Pages a foot on each side the way, between whom Rode himself, and the Musty; After him all his Aga's and great Officers of his Household, with a number of Pages; Next several of the Grand Signiours *Eunuchs*; and after them the *Kizler Aga* or black *Eunuch*, with attendants equal to the Viziers; He was succeeded by hauling Holy men; *Leop*, ill favoured, praying all the way for the Grand Signiours Life, and the Propagation of their Law; These were followed by Two of the greater *Camels* to be found in the Empire; the first of which carried the Cloaths of *Mahomet*, which he wore in his Life time; the latter carried the *Alcoran* as it was delivered by *Mahomet* to his Successors; which Beasts when they dye, the *Turks* persuade themselves go to Heaven. After the *Camels*, and before the Grand Seignour, Rode *Saliman Chia* (Friend to our Nation) Master of the Horse to the Grand Signiour and his Favourite, but mortal Enemy to the Vizier; After him Rode the Grand Signiour on a Milk-white Horse, covered over with unvaluabable Jewels, attended by Pages drest a-like with Caps of Massy-Gold; their Habit Cloth of Gold; reaching down below their Knees, girded with a Girdle of three Inches broad, covered as thick with Diamonds and other Jewels as they could be set together. After these Rode the Prince in a plain habit, and on an ordinary Horse, followed by about Four hundred, all the Grand Signiours Pages, Armed with Caps and Coats of Mail, Gauntlets, Swords and Targets, each with a Quiver of Guilt Arrows on his Right side, and a Bow on his Left; the Case of which, and the Quiver of some, was set with Diamonds and other Jewels: They wore a loose flying Garment of Sattin, some Green, some Scarlet, some Blew, some Yellow, and all colours, which mix'd, made a delicate show; Between every Ten or Twelve, Rode two white *Eunuchs*, the *Turks* being as jealous of their young Men as of their Women. After these the Officers of the Grand Signiours Household, in the midst of whom, his Coaches and Waggon, with loaded Mules, Camels, &c. The Rear was brought up by about five Thousand *Spabees* or Horsemen, each carrying in his hand a Pike Advanced, with a Bandera of several Colours flying, which made the sight delightful; with which it concluded, having lasted Five or Six hours.

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